



## **Asset Management Program Advisory Committee**

The Asset Management Program Advisory Committee (AMP Advisory Committee) is a volunteer citizens' committee composed of 10 to 15 Chula Vista residents and business owners, willing and interested in engaging with City staff regarding preservation and restoration of public infrastructure. The committee will convene periodically with City staff to review AMP progress reports, as well as to provide advice and feedback as the program fully develops. The committee will have members with technical expertise in engineering and finance, as well as at large members who are generally interested in infrastructure. The committee has been formed by the City Manager for advisory purposes and has no formal recommendation authority or responsibility.

### **Background**

Across the nation, federal, state, and local agencies are reeling from reduced budgets and greater demand for services. Public Works managers compete for limited resources with other important governmental programs in order to preserve and restore the publically owned infrastructure.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century and the Industrial Revolution began an era of infrastructure building across our nation. In the early days, private investors provided railroads, pipelines, and toll roads for our growing country. The New Deal of the 1930s dedicated federal tax dollars toward building publicly owned infrastructure such as dams, canals, roads, airports and parks. This investment created both jobs during a fiscal depression and a better quality of life. The Baby Boomer generation continued these efforts after WWII and using federal and state funding, built our modern airports, waterways, and the Interstate Highway System. At the same time, communities also invested billions of dollars in local infrastructure; building roads and bridges, drainage channels and culverts, pipelines and reservoirs, waste treatment plants and transport systems, parks and recreation centers, fire stations and libraries and other publicly owned assets.

These investments have provided for a quality of life that we have grown to expect. Unfortunately, as a society, we have not been adequately reinvesting in these assets and much of our infrastructure is at or approaching the end of its service life. Restoration of failed assets generally costs much more than maintenance of infrastructure under well-crafted and funded preservation plans. Most public agencies are facing growing liability of deferred maintenance obligations. This includes the City of Chula Vista.

The City initiated the Asset Management Program (AMP) in the summer of 2010. The AMP is a data driven, systematic approach to inventory infrastructure elements, assess their condition and remaining service life, consider the risks and consequences of failure, project financial needs, and prioritize the limited available resources.

## Next Steps

The City's AMP is a work in progress. The City hopes to have the program fully functional by the end of Fiscal Year 2014. The City Council has encouraged local residents and business owners to take on a greater role in providing feedback on City services and in planning for future needs. The AMP Advisory Committee will help shape and guide the development and implementation of the City's Asset Management Program. Formation of the AMP Advisory Committee, composed of residents and business owners is an important step to ensure interaction with community stakeholders. Staff expects to convene the first committee meeting in mid-July. The technical committee members that have already committed to serve have expertise in either engineering or financing public Infrastructure. The remaining positions will be filled with other interested community members. Interested residents are encouraged to submit an application to the Public Works Department.

## Committee Members (Technical)

David Butler	Former San Diego County Assessor
Oscar Esquivel	CFO Chula Vista Elementary School District
John (Jack) Boda	Engineering consultant, Kimley Horn and Associates
Pedro Orso-Delgado	Assistant City Manager, Santee
Yolanda Calvo	Engineering consultant, Hunsaker and Associates
Jennifer Sabine	CFO Sweetwater Authority
Rebecca Llewellyn	CV business contractor, Payco Specialties

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